

DECREE ISSUED MOBILIZATION OF GREEK ARMY

Bulgarian Challenge Answered by Summons to Arms by Greeks—Parliament to Be Summoned Tomorrow—Action Declared a Measure of Prudence.

ATHENS, Sept. 24.—A decree for general mobilization of twenty classes of Greek soldiers was signed last night by King Constantine, and promulgated.

The decision of the king has aroused the greatest enthusiasm.

Issuance of the mobilization decree came quickly after the king had granted an audience to Premier Venizelos. The premier informed the king that mobilization was the only possible reply to Bulgaria's move. To this the sovereign agreed, stipulating that it should be regarded as a defensive measure. The twenty classes now called to the colors are in addition to four classes already under arms.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—An official decree for the mobilization of the Greek army was issued in Athens today, says the Athens correspondent of the Havas News agency. Parliament probably will be summoned tomorrow.

The Matin correspondent of the Matin telegraphs that Bulgaria, having taken certain measures the Greek government has decided to answer these measures by equivalent preparations.

The dispatch says the decree was published in the Official Journal. It states that mobilization has been decided upon as a measure of prudence, on account of similar action by Bulgaria. The classes of 1892 to 1911 are called to the colors.

Bulgarian Warships Removed
ATHENS, Sept. 24.—Diplomatic circles here have been informed that Bulgarian warships which were stationed at Varna on the Black Sea, have sought shelter in a neighboring bay. Large numbers of men are working at feverish speed to fortify Bulgarian Black Sea ports. The valuables of the branches of the National bank at Burgas and Varna have been removed to Sofia.

The belief has been expressed in Bulgaria that if that country arrays itself on the side of the Teutonic allies Russia would attempt an invasion through the port of Varna, 30 hours sail from Odessa, although it is strongly fortified.

Bulgarian Mobilization
PARIS, Sept. 24.—A message from Sofia to the Havas News agency makes the definite announcement that mobilization of Bulgarian military forces, reported to have been postponed, has been decided upon. It says the Official Journal, the organ of the Bulgarian government, published today a decree ordering the mobilization of the classes of 1890 to 1912.

ROME, Sept. 24.—"Even if Bulgaria has not definitely agreed to side with the central powers," says the Giornale D'Italia, "it undoubtedly has augmented the tension with the quadruple entente."

Attack Serbia in Rear
"If Bulgarian mobilization does not mean an immediate invasion of Macedonia or an attack upon Serbia in the rear in the case of an Austro-German rush through the Balkans, the most optimistic explanation is that it is an attempt to blackmail the allies to press Serbia to make further territorial concessions as the Bulgarian ideal is to obtain Macedonia and Thrace without going to war."

"Greek mobilization probably will be followed by similar steps in Russia."

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SUBMARINES SINK SHIPS, MEDITERRANEAN

BERLIN, Sept. 24 (by wireless to Tuckerton).—The newspapers of Spain, says the Overseas News agency, report that German submarines in the Mediterranean have sunk several French and English steamers and one Russian vessel.

RUSSIANS FORCE GERMAN RUSH BACK IN SPOTS

Further Inroads Made Upon Defenses of Dvinsk, But Pursuit East From Vilna Checked—Mackensen Forced to Withdraw Before Encircling Russian Attack.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Military activities on the eastern front are once more assuming the familiar phase of a slow German advance, following the recent impetuous rush of the invaders. The German plan of dividing the Russian armies north and south of the Pripiet has been a strategic success, effective in a way, but the immediate effect of the severance was to throw an increased burden on the Austrians, who seem to be unable to check the Russian drive.

Unofficial dispatches from Petrograd state that the latest Russian victory, northwest of Dubno, is of more importance than was revealed by the official communication from Petrograd, involving recapture of the fortresses of Lutsk, northwest of Grodno. Relinquishing this fortress, the Austrians are said to have retired across the Styra.

Holding Line Stubbornly

All the way from the Baltic port of Riga to the Pripiet marshes the Russians are holding their line stubbornly in an attempt to bring their long retirement to an end. The fighting is particularly severe southeast of Vilna and east of Dvinsk. Envelopment of the Vilna army having failed, it is assumed the Germans will develop their offensive movement at Dvinsk. Envelopment of the Vilna army having failed, it is assumed the Germans will develop their offensive movement at Dvinsk, with the view of an ultimate blow at Riga. It is generally believed the Germans have determined to capture Riga before the onset of winter.

Germans Advancing

Further inroads have been made by the Germans upon the defenses of Dvinsk, the important Russian city on the route to Petrograd, which Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is attacking. Capture of additional positions in front of the city is reported by German army headquarters.

A temporary success by the Russians resisting the German pursuit east from Vilna is admitted by Berlin, which states that some cannon teams which had held on until the last moment in this engagement were lost.

Withdrawal of some of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's advanced positions to positions behind the Oginski canal and the Jasioldra river "before an encircling Russian attack," is likewise chronicled by the Berlin war office.

Break British Attack

On the front in France the Germans claim to have broken up an attack south of La Basse canal, launched by "white and colored British troops." Increased activity by artillery and aviators along the entire front is reported, as is the shooting down of an English aeroplane.

Heavy reinforcements, amounting to from 30,000 to 40,000 men, are reported to have been sent to the German crown prince in the Argonne.

Paris reports a continuation of the effective bombardment of German lines by French artillery and the repulse of German attacks, notably of two in Lorraine, in which it is declared that shells containing eye-irritating gases were used by the Germans.

INCOMES OF ALIENS TAXED HEREAFTER

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Aliens who are residing temporarily in the United States will not hereafter be allowed the exemptions given citizens and resident aliens under the income tax law. They will be compelled to pay 1 per cent on all net income by a ruling of the treasury department today.

Aliens who can show an intention of becoming permanent residents will be allowed the usual exemptions.

FIRST INTERVIEW WITH U. S. NAVAL ADVISORY BOARD!

EXPERT WOOD PREDICTS GIANT ARMORED BATTLE PLANES WILL VANQUISH THE ZEPPELIN! THE OCEANS WILL BE CROSSED BY HEAVIER THAN AIR MACHINES HE ASSERTS.

BY KENNETH W. PAYNE

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—Giant aeroplane battle cruisers will eventually exterminate the Zeppelins! If the war goes on long enough we shall see ships as big as the Zeppelins themselves, and carrying, perhaps, even more men in their crews!



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advance in the science of aviation. "There is no reason why aeroplanes should not be increased in size until they are 300 feet long—as big as Zeppelins. I expect to see seaplanes with long, torpedo-like bodies, with huge wings set tandem-wise—one pair behind the other. There will be a number of motors, and the craft will be practically invulnerable."

"Shoot the quartermaster of one of these craft, and smash up one, two or three of the power units, and what would happen? Another member of the crew would immediately jump into the place of the dead steersman, while the remaining engines would keep the aeroplane aloft."

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MEXICANS KILL U. S. TROOPER IN BORDER BATTLE

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 24.—American troops and a large band of Mexicans reported to be Carranza soldiers, battle today at Progreso, with the Mexicans retreating under fire and the Americans pushing them toward the Rio Grande, a mile distant. One American soldier, Private Stubblefield, of troop B, twelfth United States cavalry, was killed, and two others were reported wounded. The Mexican casualties have not been ascertained.

One troop of the twelfth cavalry and a large detachment of the twenty-sixth infantry were engaged in the fight, which began early today.

The Mexicans approached from the direction of the Rio Grande, one mile distant from the hamlet. The American detachment was camped in front of a house. The Mexicans opened fire from the shelter of the walls.

Private Stubblefield fell at the first volley. The telephone wires between Mercedes and the point where the fight occurred were cut early this morning and only Aegean details were obtainable from an irrigation pumping plant four miles from the scene.

FRENCH OCCUPY TURKISH ISLAND

PARIS, Sept. 24.—The official organ of the French naval department announced today that a French naval force had occupied Ruad island, in the eastern Mediterranean west of Crete, and two miles off the Syrian coast. The island is but 800 yards in length and has a population of only 4000.

The landing party, made up of companies from French men-of-war, formed a square after disembarking. A proclamation was read in Arabic announcing the occupation in the name of France. A French marine officer was appointed governor of the island.

TRAINMEN PERISH IN COLLISION AT LA PLATTE, NEB.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., Sept. 24.—Three trainmen were killed and four others seriously injured this morning near LaPlatte, Neb., a small station five miles north of here on the Missouri Pacific railroad when south-bound passenger train No. 104 from Omaha to Kansas City met north-bound fast freight No. 153 head-on a half mile from the LaPlatte station.

The dead: Mike Shillock, Kansas City, Mo., passenger engineer.

Walter Goodman, Kansas City, passenger fireman.

J. E. Wilson, Falls City, Neb., freight brakeman.

All passengers escaped with minor scratches. The accident occurred on a sharp curve, where neither engineer had a clear view of the track ahead. According to the testimony given at the inquest held at once by Coroner Glendell of Murray, Neb., the passenger train had orders to wait for the freight train at the La Platte siding. Northbound freight train No. 155 was on the siding at the La Platte station, and mistaking this for No. 153, the passenger train was sent ahead.

Both engines and the baggage car were demolished. The injured persons and the bodies of the dead were brought here on a special relief train.

BRITISH HORSE SHIP SUNK BY TORPEDO

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—The British horse ship Anglo-Colombian was torpedoed and sunk today off Fastnet after being chased seventy-eight miles by a submarine, according to a message from Consul Frost at Queenstown. The message said warnings were given and time allowed for the crew, six of whom were Americans, to take to the boats. There were no casualties. The ship was bound from Montreal to Liverpool.

FIRST PICTURE SHOWING MEMBERS NAVAL ADVISORY BOARD



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TURKS MASSACRE 48,000 ARMENIANS AND EXILE 600,000

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Dr. M. Syrnbad Gabriel, president of the Armenian General Progressive association in the United States, has received from Nubar Pasha, diplomatic representative in Paris of the Catholicos or head of the Armenian church, advice in regard to the massacres of Armenians in Turkey, in which it is stated that "Christian martyrdom has at no time assumed such colossal proportions."

The letters containing the advice were received by Nubar Pasha from "authoritative sources" in Constantinople and Athens, and contain an appeal to the United States "to intercede and stop the persecutions."

Dr. Gabriel said that from information contained in the letters and other reports he had received, he estimated that 45,000 Armenians had been put to death, and 600,000 rendered homeless or exiled out of a population of 1,500,000.

"What has occurred in a few months in Cilicia and Armenia," wrote Nubar Pasha, in transmitting the correspondence, "is unbelievable. The great massacres of Abdul Hamid seem insignificant compared to the recent atrocities which are without precedent in the history of our nation's martyrdom."

Armenia is so far away that practically nothing has been heard of this frightful tragedy in Europe and America.

A letter from the Constantinople source says that Armenians in all the

RAOUL MADERO UNDER ARREST BY U. S. TROOPS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 24.—General Raoul Madero of Villa's staff has been arrested by American soldiers near Marfa, Tex. Major General Frederick Funston received this report from Marfa today. With Madero were eight companions, all supposed to be Villa officers, who also were arrested. They were taken into custody when they crossed to the American side of the Rio Grande.

The telegram to General Funston read: "The following Mexicans crossed the river at Talley ranch and were arrested at Glenn Springs on the 21st: General Raoul Madero, General Santiago Sanchez, Jose Pulido, Emilio Vasquez, Tejanin Rangil, Jose Maria Rodriguez, Raoul Davila, Raymond Partido and Abraham Martinez. Have ordered them brought to Alamo, Tex., and held. It is probable they were forced across the river by Carranza forces and that some of them are deserting Villa."

Raoul Madero is a brother of the slain President Madero. He has been with Villa about a year holding important commands. Several weeks ago a split between Raoul Madero and Villa was reported, but not verified.

cities and villages of the province of Cilicia have been deported en masse to the desert regions south of Aleppo. Moslems have occupied the lands and houses abandoned by the Armenians," the letter reads.

ELKS DEDICATE COSTLY BUILDING AS NEW HOME

Ritualistic Work of First Day Closes With Ball at Natatorium—Today Spent in Sightseeing and Frolic—Tonight a Stag Vaudeville With Venison Banquet Closes Celebration

With the streets gaily decorated in lodge colors and electrically illumined at night, in possession of the freedom of the city, the visiting and local Elks are enjoying themselves today with auto excursions through the valley and social entertainments, following the formal dedication of the building Thursday evening before the assembled Elkdom of southern Oregon. This afternoon the State Elks' Reunion association will be organized. Tonight there is a special entertainment for Elk ladies at the Star theater, while the Elks will participate in a stag vaudeville entertainment and venison banquet.

Close to a thousand Elks and their ladies filled the lodge room at the dedication exercises of the new \$60,000 club home, which followed the lodge ritual. Deputy Exalted Ruler T. E. Daniels presided, assisted by grand lodge officials. Past Exalted Ruler A. C. Burgess proclaimed the new home dedicated, the keys being presented by Past Exalted Ruler L. B. Haskins. Past Exalted Ruler C. L. Reames delivered a fine address upon the principles of Elkdom, followed by an eloquent and symbolic address by I. E. Vining of the Ashland lodge.

Tokens Received

The new deputy exalted ruler, W. R. Logus, of Oregon City, presented the Medford lodge with a library lamp and a library rug as gifts from the Oregon City lodge. Exalted Ruler Applegate of Ashland presented a fine roll-top desk as a token of Ashland esteem. An elaborate table lamp was presented by the Portland lodge. Telegrams of regret at not being present were read from Astoria, Baker, Vancouver and Eugene lodges, as well as from prominent Elks.

The Elks orchestra, consisting of Professor Howell, Wilson Waite, L. Colvig, Don Colvig, Miss Florence Clark, Lou Roukes and C. E. Root, furnished music. Miss Florence Hazelrigg singing "Columbia." After the ceremony the lodge and visitors adjourned to the Natatorium hall "to chase the fleeting hours with flying feet." The hall was tastefully decorated in lodge colors, and exhibitions of fancy dancing filled the intervals between the club waltzes.

Portland Backward

Southern Oregon lodges were well represented. Over a hundred members of Ashland lodge, with their ladies, headed by the Ashland band, attended the exercises. Klamath Falls had a delegation of 50, led by Exalted Ruler C. F. Stone. Roseburg also was well represented. Portland had one delegate. Other lodges were similarly represented. Altogether the celebration has been a decided success, nothing being overlooked to contribute to the enjoyment of the visiting antlered host.

The dedication has been the greatest lodge event in the history of Southern Oregon, the street decorations representing as much elaborateness in proportion as when Portland held the grand lodge convention. This feature of the exercises has won praise from every visitor and stands as a fitting tribute to the lodge.

CONSERVE OIL FIELDS FOR USE OF NAVY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Further conservation of the oil fields in California and possibly in Oklahoma is contemplated in Secretary Daniels plans for the navy in connection with the strengthening of national defense. Navy officials and officials of the department of justice and the general land office, the secretary said today, are studying the situation in California, where recent court decision have helped the navy projects.

The navy department wants to reserve for future use surveyed and proved oil lands, storing the emergency supplies in the ground until needed.